



HCCSC 2026 Executive Elections

Members at Large Candidate Statements

The candidates below are running for a total of three Member at Large executive positions. The election will take place during the 2026 AGM, which takes place online starting at 7:30 p.m. on October 21, 2026. Only those who have registered as club members for the 2026/27 season and are at least 19 years old are eligible to vote.

Members will be given an opportunity to vote for a maximum of three candidates and the three with the most votes will be elected.

Jen Gow (incumbent)

Our family have been members of Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club for the last 13 years since our eldest joined Jackrabbits. I started as a session coordinator before moving into Assistant Program Coordinator and then Program Coordinator roles for the Jackrabbit Program for many years. I am particularly proud of providing strong programming throughout the covid pandemic.

Two years ago, I took on a new role as grant writer and administer in my capacity as a Director at Large on the Executive Board. I've increased our revenue from BC Community Gaming and diversified our grant funding sources. In addition to our gaming funding, I've helped secure \$21,500 from three grant opportunities to support our club for the upcoming season. This has created new opportunities to support our Head Coach and teen coaches, enhance SDP programming and support race hosting. I'm actively working on other opportunities to expand our work in the area of gender equity in sport and enrich our coach development.

Beyond this particular role, I have a passion for the grass roots of our organization. Jackrabbits are the cornerstone of our club. With over a decade of coordinating experience in that program, I always bring that lens to our Executive work. I was involved with the development of our new strategic plan, and I'm enjoying working with our Board and members to bring our goals to reality. I hope to have the chance to continue this work and serve our community.



Marieeve Legrand (incumbent)

I've contributed to the running of Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club in various volunteer roles since our family joined the club 11 years ago. From Evening Session Coordinator to Track Attack Coordinator - a position I held for four years while our kids were in the program - to Race Team Travel & Meal Coordinator, I've had the opportunity to support, connect with, and get to know so many skiers and their families. I've served on the HCCSC Executive Board since 2020, starting as the TA Coordinator and more recently, as a Director at Large.

I'm a people connector and community builder. I'm passionate about building a strong sense of community and belonging among our members. **I bring a positive, practical, and organized approach to my work.** Whether it's helping to support various volunteer roles and club events such as the Gear Swap, Lantern Ski, Volunteer Recognition Evening or last year's BC Champs Awards Banquet, I enjoy the hands-on approach of bringing our club together. I also collaborate closely with the Equipment Coordinator to support the rental program and maintain our club's skis and roller skis. Additionally, I helped establish the club's social media online presence through Facebook and Instagram.

HCCSC has become a cornerstone of our family life. I'm proud to support a club that not only fosters a love of skiing but also promotes an active lifestyle within such an inspiring community.

Scott Nelson

I have been a member of this club for 9 years and a coach for 6, watching my kids move through the programs starting with Bunnies, Jackrabbits, Track Attack and now Race Team. Our youth programs are impressive, yet I feel they don't meet everyone's needs, especially families, athletes and coaches that are not enthusiastic about racing.

I don't propose changing our main programs. We have a great team delivering these programs and for many athletes they work well. Instead, I want to create more one-off special events as alternatives to races. Last year the board created a new "Recreational Activities" policy to consider and approve such events. However, one of the criteria was "no conflict with regular club programs", including races. I submitted two proposals under this policy; one was approved and the other was rejected because it conflicted with the BC championships. I want to modify this policy so that we can have more complimentary events, leveraging the club coaches who are enthusiastic about these events.



The other way to provide racing alternatives is for families to self-organize informal ski session on race days. This has long been encouraged by the club, but no communication tools have ever been provided to help members self-organize such activities. I propose to change this with a new club wide communication tool, like a message board or a closed WhatsApp group so likeminded families can easily reach out and connect. This will also help build a stronger sense of community and improve two-way communication between club members and the board.

There are so many different ways to enjoy cross-country skiing. You can ski for fun, for fitness, to explore a new place, to challenge yourself (or someone else), or just to enjoy the serenity of winter. I want to show our young athletes that all of this is possible and get them hooked on skiing for life.

Megan Sheffer (incumbent)

I am a parent of two athletes and have been a HCCSC member for 15 years. I have 12 years of club coaching experience and am a certified L2T and T2T-trained coach. I was the lead coach of the Track Attack program for several years before transitioning to my current role as manager for the Race Team.

I value our club community and want to maintain our strong volunteer culture and quality of programming by implementing strategies to sustain these key elements using my strong planning and organizational skills developed through my career in engineering.